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EPA Decision Regarding Portland Harbor Superfund Site -- 09/30/13

EPA has been working closely for more than 12 years with the Lower Willamette Group, the business and industry leaders who have joined forces to lead the cleanup of Portland Harbor.

All parties have recently renewed their commitment to delivering a high quality remedial investigation and feasibility study in 2014, which will lay the groundwork for the cleanup plan for the site.

EPA has decided to suspend payment for a penalty issued in April of this year. EPA suspended the penalty pending the LWG's continued demonstration of "good faith" cooperation and through adherence to the agreed process for completing the Remedial Investigation Report

This decision does not affect EPA's previous legal findings regarding the penalty. The penalty stemmed from a dispute related to the Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment prepared by the Lower Willamette Group. This Assessment has since been completed and approved by EPA.

EPA looks forward to working with LWG expedite the process for selecting a protective and scientifically sound cleanup plan for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

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